

painting, abstract painting, and a new style of art that is called Yun sculpture in which Master Yee has created beautiful colors and shapes.

In recognition of his artistic work, he has been named a "Fellow" by the Royal Academy of Art in the United Kingdom. His works of art have been displayed in a number of exhibits, including two recently here in Washington, DC at the Organization of American States and in the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building, which was sponsored by our friend and colleague, DAVID DREIER of California. An exhibit of his Yun sculpture in San Francisco last year was widely attended, and his work has been exhibited in a number of other locations.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Master Wan Ko Yee, Dorje Chang Buddha III, a Buddhist leader of particular renown who has chosen to make his home here in the United States, and who is an outstanding artist, scholar, and religious thinker.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, on September 6, I was attending a funeral in my district and missed several votes. If present I would have voted on the following Rollcall votes, Rollcall No. 854, approving the Journal, "aye". Rollcall No. 855, H. Res. 633, "Aye". Rollcall No. 856, anti-Native Hawaiian amendment to H.R. 2786, "Nay". Rollcall No. 857, King of Iowa amendment to H.R. 2786, "Nay". Rollcall No. 858, Price of Georgia amendment to H.R. 2786, "Nay". Rollcall No. 859, final passage of H.R. 2786, "Aye".

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL IN HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Stephen F. Austin High School of Houston. This school, located in our district, opened in September of 1937, and for 70 years, it has held education and its students in the highest regard.

Austin High School focuses on the development of their students and the community surrounding them to attain full potential and academic achievement. The student body has grown to almost two thousand students, 99% of which are minority students. Through the use of their magnet program, Advanced Placement courses, Dual Credit Courses for college credit and many more avenues, approximately \$1,000,000 in scholarship funding for the graduating seniors of 2007 has been secured. This is quite the accomplishment and deserves much recognition. The school's magnet program also deserves notice as it focuses on the

teaching profession and prepares students for academic success in college and their future careers.

Another notable contribution to the community will be the unveiling of the Fallen Heroes Memorial honoring Austin High graduates who lost their lives in faithful service during WWII, the Korean War, and in Vietnam.

It is with great pleasure that I bring due attention to Austin High School, commend them on their accomplishments and challenge them to grow even further and continue their outstanding example in our community.

HONORING BUENA VISTA CARNEROS WINERY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Buena Vista Carneros on the 150th anniversary of the founding of this historic estate. Buena Vista Carneros was the first premium winery established in California, and 150 years later it remains one of the leading wineries in, the world's foremost wine producing region.

The estate was founded in 1857 by Hungarian Count Agoston Haraszthy after he was introduced to the Sonoma wines by General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo. General Vallejo learned of his interest in winemaking when the Count first arrived in the Sonoma Valley, and after a tasting session the Count decided to remain in the region and plant his own vineyards. With the success of the winery, Count Haraszthy was commissioned by the California State Legislature to travel through Europe in order to gather the finest European cuttings to bring back to California. In total, the Count gathered more than 100,000 cuttings of 350 varieties for the nascent California wine industry. In 1969, in recognition both of his famous winery and his contribution to California viticulture, Congress recognized Count Haraszthy as 'The Father of Californian Winemaking'. Today, Buena Vista Winery and Vineyards is recognized as a California Registered Historic Landmark.

Buena Vista winery's storied history truly takes off with the acquisition of 700 acres in the Carneros appellation in 1969. This initial holding was quickly expanded to a total of 1,000 acres, and coincided with the rise to prominence of the Carneros region, built largely on a reputation for producing excellent cool-weather wines. Since that time, as Sonoma Valley has gained prominence as one of the world's premier wine regions, Carneros' fame has continued to rise. In 2005, Buena Vista winery was renamed Buena Vista Carneros to coincide with a replanting of its estate vineyards into small blocks arranged to best capture Carneros' subtle variations.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we acknowledge Buena Vista Carneros on the 150th anniversary of its founding. As California's first winery, Buena Vista Carneros is truly a testament to the enduring quality and character of California wine, and today it remains among the Sonoma Valley's finest wineries.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR MONETTI

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Arthur Monetti, a veteran of World War II, for his exemplary service in defense of freedom and award him with the Jubilee of Liberty Medal. On June 6, 1944 the United States and its allies embarked on the largest air, land, and sea invasion ever undertaken. This massive effort included 5,000 ships, 10,000 airplanes, and over 150,000 American, British, Canadian, Free French, and Polish Troops. During the 50th anniversary of this historic event, the French Government awarded the Jubilee of Liberty Medal to American servicemen for their participation in the Battle of Normandy.

Arthur served in the United States Army, Battery B 491st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. Arthur fought ground combat during the Battle of Normandy in Northern France, Rhineland. For his heroism and valor, Harry was awarded the American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Arthur Monetti for his heroic service in the United States Army. His dedication to this country in the theater of war is truly exemplary. I commend the sacrifices he has made to protect our freedoms and I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize his service. I applaud Arthur Monetti for his successes and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF WASCO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Wasco on the celebration of their 100th anniversary.

The birth of the town of Wasco dates back to 1897, when the Santa Fe Railroad laid tracks through the area. Soon after, over 300 families relocated there through the efforts of Marshall V. Hartranft, who secured land for resale to the settlers from the Kern County Land Company. This effort was known as the "Fourth Home Extension Colony." Originally named "Dewey," then "Deweyville," Wasco was renamed by William Bonham, a settler from Wasco County in Oregon, and the town name was recorded by the Post Office in 1900.

In 1904 Delta-Shamrock School was born serving as a multi-purpose institution including a school, a civic center and a welcoming place for settlers who arrived in 1907. A few years later, a business district was born which included a depot, a general store, a post office, two saloons, a blacksmith shop and a hotel. Eventually, the school was renamed "The Wasco School" and, in 1919, it became the Wasco Unified School District.

In 1929, the Wasco Union High School Auditorium was completed. This architectural